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Mr. Daniel Opalski
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RE: Submittal of Oregon's 2012 Section 303(d) List of Category 5 Water Quality Limited Waters Needing a TMDL

Dear Mr. Opalski:

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is pleased to submit Oregon's 2012 Section 303(d) List of Category 5 Water Quality Limited Waters Needing a TMDL to EPA for review and approval. Oregon developed this list by issuing a call for data in December 2011 and January 2012 and evaluating available data and information to assess water quality. DEQ prepared a draft 2012 Section 303(d) list and provided the public an opportunity to review and comment on the list from January 2, 2014 through 5:00 PM February 24, 2014. After reviewing comments, DEQ finalized the 303(d) list. DEQ includes with this submittal:

Oregon's 2012 Section 303(d) List of Category 5 Water Quality Limited Waters Needing a TMDL (computer disc);

Waters De-listed in 2012 (computer disc);

Oregon's 2012 Integrated Report database report (computer disc);

Oregon's 2012 TMDL Priorities and Schedule (enclosure);

Methodology for Oregon's 2012 Water Quality Report and List of Water Quality Limited Waters (enclosure);

Memorandum - Category 4B Demonstration Addressing Pentachlorophenol in Willamette River Sediments (enclosure);

Response to Comments on Oregon's Draft 2010 Integrated Report (enclosure)

The database reports and supporting documents are also available on DEQ's website at http://www.oregon.gov/deq/WQ/Pages/Assessment/2012report.aspx

A summary of new 303(d) listings, delistings, and other significant changes is attached to this letter.

If you have questions or need any additional information, please call Karla Urbanowicz on my staff at (503) 229-6099.

Sincerely,

Wendy Wiles, Administrator

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